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Computer Science Major Uses 3D Printing to Support the Mastodon Community

Purdue University Fort Wayne sophomore computer science major Keaton Hammack is using his interest in 3D printing to support the Disability Access Center. With permission, he operates his own 3D printer from his room at Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus and donates various items to the DAC.

The shortest project takes 16 minutes. The longest, which is an enormous turtle with a witch hat and a cauldron body that can weigh about 15 pounds, takes a couple weeks. Utilizing multiple colors, he prints using biodegradable plastics.

Part of his fascination, Hammack says, is how his hobby helps him deal with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

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ETCS Interns Often Start Professional Work Experience Early

While coordinating a senior design class earlier this semester, Don Mueller, interim chair of the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, asked the 20 students to submit résumés in the class's project application process. Mueller wasn't surprised that 19 students showed they had professional work experience.

"This is pretty typical of our seniors, and I would think extremely high compared to most universities," Mueller said.

The results also show a continuing trend in the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science at Purdue University Fort Wayne. Students are gaining more experiential learning opportunities as they continue their studies, and ETCS administrators are delighted with their corporate readiness.

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Noor Borbieva O'Neill and David Cochran are members of the Standard Process Lifecycle for Student Success committee.

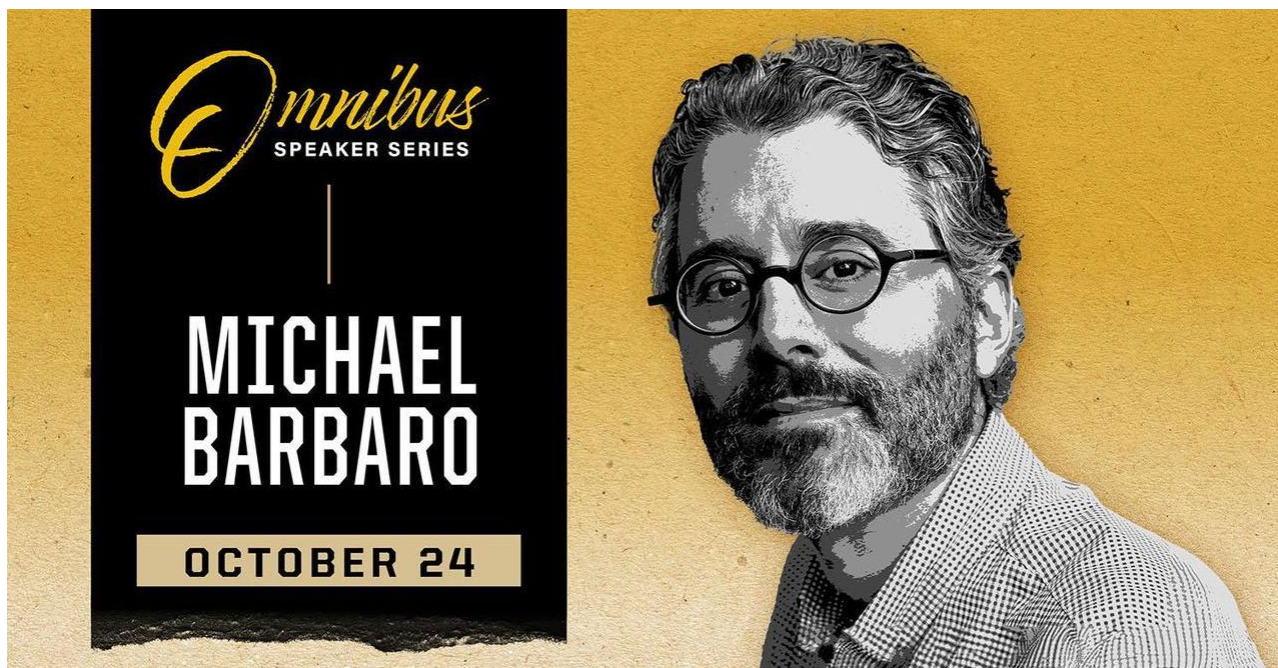
Committee Working to Simplify Administrative Academic Process Systems

A major effort is underway to help students, staff, and faculty by improving the administrative academic processes at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

The Standard Process Lifecycle for Student Success committee has been working for four years to make changes to how the university interacts to direct students through their academic careers. Previously, there was not an overall process in place, according to committee member David Cochran, professor of systems engineering and director of the Center of Excellence in Systems Engineering in the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science.

"People were working very hard," Cochran said. "Since the left hand did not know what the right hand was doing, it was easy to blame another unit for my unit's issue. Our work was to first shift the tone from the blame game to the practice of thinking that if all units understood the work and the interaction with students, then the work could be improved."

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Tickets for Michael Barbaro Omnibus Presentation Now Available

The 29th season of Purdue University Fort Wayne's popular Omnibus Speaker Series starts Oct. 24 with Michael Barbaro, a New York Times political journalist and host of "The Daily," which is one of the world's most popular podcasts with 3 million listeners. "The Moment Demands an Explanation—`The Daily' Is on a Mission to Find It" will start at 7:30 p.m. in Auer Performance Hall.

Barbaro will discuss the podcast's creation and how it embraces new forms of storytelling to confront the media industry's biggest challenge: distrust from the public. "The Daily" has won a duPont-Columbia University Award for audio excellence and has been named a top podcast of the year by Time, Entertainment Weekly, The Atlantic, Esquire, Adweek, The New Yorker, and New York Magazine.

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National Transfer Week Includes Swag Swap in Admissions

Starting Monday, National Transfer Week celebrates students who have transferred from other institutions and the professionals who support them in their journeys. Purdue University Fort Wayne has a record high 1,156 students this fall who started their post-secondary academic careers somewhere else.

"We have been working tirelessly at PFW to welcome transfer students to campus and to address

hurdles to the transfer process to increase student success and degree completion,” said Beth Carlin, associate director of transfer and adult experience in the Division of Enrollment Management and the Student Experience.

PFW formed the Transfer Advisory Group in 2022 headed by Ryan Wooley, associate vice chancellor for enrollment management; Andrew Kopec, associate professor of English; and Carlin. The goal was to simplify the process to help more potential transfers.

Celebrating the week, the Office of Admissions will host a Swag Swap. Transfer students are encouraged to bring their former college apparel and trade it in for a new PFW T-shirt.

Active Minds Club Hosting Destress Fest Next Week

Purdue University Fort Wayne’s Active Minds student chapter has been selected by the national organization to host a stress less week. Active Minds helps students with mental health issues in a low-pressure environment by hosting events, including peer support groups.

The three-day Destress Fest starts Oct. 23 with a sandwich picnic and giveaway from noon to 1 p.m. on the Science Mall. Also included will be pumpkin painting and a scavenger hunt. The Oct. 24 is a Mental Health America Workshop from noon to 1 p.m. in Neff Hall, Room 374, which will include a coffee bar. The final event, on Oct. 25, is a movie night with popcorn starting at 5 p.m., also in Neff 374.

Eventful

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the full [events calendar](#) often to see what's happening on campus.

OCTOBER

23

Wed., noon–1 p.m.

Career Connections: Real-World Scoop with FCC (Indiana)

This event will focus on the Interviewing Best Practices within the hiring process as you begin or continue on your career journey! Join FCC (Indiana), a leading automotive manufacturing technology company located in Portland, Ind., to discuss...

OCTOBER

23

Wed., 8–10 p.m.

SAB Movie Night

All PFW and IUFW students are welcome to come to the Clubhouse in student housing (even if you don't live in student housing) to enjoy a Day of the Dead movie. Snacks provided...

OCTOBER

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Thurs., 5–8 p.m.

Student Org Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Student Organization Representatives are welcome to carve/decorate pumpkins to enter in the student org pumpkin decorating contest, which will be judged during the Monster Mash on October 29! Pumpkins and decorating/carving supplies will be provided...

Mastodon Moments

Seen and noted around campus. Monitor our university social feeds for more great moments of Mastodon life.



Faye Pienta and assistant Jesus from Unify Ballroom Dancesport Center give dance instruction at Comer al Ritmo, the annual Hispanic Heritage Festival event with food, dance, awards, and

general fun, sponsored by Multicultural Services.

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